

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TANAKA, Yoshihiro**

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For: **SHEARING FORCE REINFORCED STRUCTURE AND MEMBER**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action dated **February 17, 2010**. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.